

WRDA 2020

Upper Miss-Rellevant Provisions

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WRDA 2020 Overview

Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee

- Passed Committee on May 11, 2020
- S. 3591

House of Representatives

- Passed on July 29, 2020
- H.R. 7575

WRDA 2020: Senate and House Comparison

- Inland Waterway Trust Fund contributions
 - Sunset to 2027 in House version
- Beneficial Use
 - House Section 125, Senate Section 1080
 - Expand calculation of Federal standard to include the economic and environmental benefits and impacts of using the dredged material for beneficial uses
- Value of Donated Goods
 - House Section 133, Senate Section 1042
- Resilience
- Project Authorizations
 - Brandon Road Feasibility Study
 - Meramec River Basin Ecosystem Restoration Project
 - Lower Missouri River Flood Risk and Resilience Study
 - Lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan

WRDA 2020: Senate and House Comparison

Senate EPW Committee

- Project Partnership Agreements
 - Brief description, estimated costs of OMRR&R
 - Value of donated goods (Sec. 1042)
- High Water-Low Water Emergencies

House of Representatives

- Upper Miss River Restoration
 - \$40 million for habitat restoration
 - \$15 million for long term resource monitoring
- UMRS Flood, Drought, Sediment Planning
 - Section 211, ties to WRDA 2016
- Principles and Requirements

WRDA 2016

SEC. 1206. UPPER MISSISSIPPI AND ILLINOIS RIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a study of the riverine areas located within the Upper Mississippi River and Illinois River basins to identify the risks and vulnerabilities of those areas to increased flood damages.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) conduct a comprehensive analysis of flood risk management measures to maintain or enhance current levels of protection;

(2) identify risks and vulnerabilities in the areas affected by flooding;

(3) recommend specific measures and actions to address the risks and vulnerabilities described in paragraph (2);

(4) coordinate with the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, the Governors of the States within the Upper Mississippi and Illinois River basins, the appropriate levee and drainage districts, nonprofit organizations, and other interested parties;

(5) develop basinwide hydrologic models for the Upper Mississippi River System and improve analytical methods needed to produce scientifically based recommendations for improvements to flood risk management; and

(6) develop a long-term strategy for—

(A) addressing increased flood damages; and

(B) identifying opportunities to enhance resiliency, increase sustainability, and lower risks in—

(i) populated areas;

(ii) areas of concentrated economic development;

and

(iii) areas with vulnerable environmental resources.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and make publicly available a report describing the results of the study conducted under subsection (b).